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Amendments to the Claims:

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions of claims in the application:

Listing of Claims:

1. (Currently Amended) A method at a base station in a code division multiple access wireless network that transmits data bursts on a high-speed forward channel, the method comprising the steps of:

providing at least one permanent virtual pipe comprising a plurality of different width virtual pipes on the high-speed forward channel for transmission of the data bursts, at least one of the plurality of different width permanent virtual pipes being wider than another of the virtual pipes;

scheduling transmission of burst segments of the data bursts on the at least one permanent virtual pipe in a round-robin manner among different data bursts, at least one burst segment of each data burst being scheduled for transmission on the widest virtual pipe; and

transmitting the burst segments on the at least one virtual pipe in accordance with the scheduling.

2. (Original) The method of claim 1 wherein the step of providing at least one permanent virtual pipe comprises provisioning predetermined channel resources to the at least one virtual pipe.

3. (Original) The method of claim 2 wherein the predetermined channel resources comprises a predetermined number of contiguous Walsh codes and a predetermined amount of contiguous real estate on the base station's CDMA ASIC.

4. (Cancelled)

5. (Currently Amended) The method of ~~claim 4~~ claim 1 further comprising: scheduling transmission of the burst segments of a data burst amongst the different width virtual pipes in a round robin manner.

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6. (Currently Amended) The method of ~~claim 4~~ claim 1 wherein the base station operates in accordance with CDMA2000 standards and the virtual pipes are provided at widths chosen from among: 19.2 kbps, 38.4 kbps, 76.8 kbps and 153.6 kbps.
7. (Original) The method of claim 1 further comprising the step of: transmitting an ESCAM a predetermined time interval before transmitting a burst segment, the ESCAM providing information for receiving the burst segment.
8. (Currently Amended) A base station in a code division multiple access wireless network that transmits data bursts to mobile terminals on a high-speed forward channel, the base station comprising:
- means for providing at least one permanent virtual pipe comprising a plurality of different width virtual pipes on the high-speed forward channel, at least one of the plurality of different width permanent virtual pipes being wider than another of the virtual pipes;
- scheduling means for scheduling transmission of burst segments of the data bursts on the at least one permanent virtual pipe in a round-robin manner among different data bursts, at least one burst segment of each data burst being scheduled for transmission on the widest virtual pipe; and
- means for transmitting each burst segment on the at least one virtual pipe in accordance with when it is scheduled for transmission.
9. (Original) The base station in accordance with claim 8 further comprising a burst segment control means associated with the at least one permanent virtual pipe for storing when each burst segment is scheduled for transmission, the transmitting means transmitting a burst segment in response to a signal from said burst segment control means to transmit the burst when it is scheduled.
10. (Original) The base station of claim 8 wherein the means for providing at least one permanent virtual pipe comprises a provision of predetermined channel resources to the at least one virtual pipe.

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11. (Original) The base station of claim 10 wherein the predetermined channel resources comprises a predetermined number of contiguous Walsh codes and a predetermined amount of contiguous real estate on a CDMA ASIC.
12. (Cancelled)
13. (Currently Amended) The base station of ~~claim 12~~ claim 8 wherein the scheduling means schedules transmission of the burst segments of a data burst amongst the different width virtual pipes in a round robin manner.
14. (Currently Amended) The base station of ~~claim 12~~ claim 8 wherein the base station operates in accordance with CDMA2000 standards and the virtual pipes are provided at widths chosen from among: 19.2 kbps, 38.4 kbps, 76.8 kbps and 153.6 kbps.
15. (Original) The base station of claim 8 wherein the transmitting means transmits an ESCAM a predetermined time interval before transmitting a burst segment, the ESCAM providing information for receiving the burst segment.